

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : **PATENT APPLICATION**  
Stephen Moreton. : Silica-Based Indicating Desiccants  
Serial No.: 10/549,670 : Group Art Unit: 1797  
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: Examiner: Bryan T. Kilpatrick

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 31, 2009, and having a shortened statutory period for reply expiring on March 31, 2010. Because this response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, an advisory action is requested. Although no extension is believed necessary for consideration of this response, if an extension and/or payment is needed to make this response timely, the Examiner is asked to grant the extension and/or pay the fee using deposit account number 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

Reconsideration and allowance of the amended and pending claims are requested.

The claims are not amended herein, but in the interest of convenience the claims are re-presented in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 8.